Last Minute Rush Causes Britain to Extend Time on Derby Plan.

BEST PEACEMAKERS

Little Hope Held Out in London That End of War Will Come Before Another Year.

cruiting officers will make lists of applicants, and these men will be permit ted to present themselves for attesta-

tion up to midnight of Wednesday. There has been a great deal of pessimism here lately, due to several causes, including the weather, the depressing Balkan and Bagdad news and the uncertainty of the recruiting scheme, but in the last fo days the anxiety seems to have lessened, and now the country is in a more optimistic frame of mind.

These not directly anterested personput it this way:

"It looks now as if the recruits would be the best peacemakers, unless the German populace takes the question in its own hands and brings Prussian militarism to its senses."

### Peace Believed Remote.

No one of prominence will discuss peace terms for publication now for fear of appearing even more ridiculous than Ford and his party. Privately. however, they say it is more remote

that is not worse than war, we must press war by every means in our power till the enemy is beaten. Better an other two years of fighting and all the sufferings which it will bring to us and the rest of the world than the blood-stained insecurity of a patchedup truce. Therefore, more men, more men, more men, and above all, no cant or wretched sophistry about starying women and children."

This undoubtedly represents the view of most of those who hold the direction of the war in their hands. tionably able to withstand attacks from its opponents, especially if the

### Derby scheme proves a success. Stirring Recruiting Scenes.

Except perhaps in the closing hours of a heated genera, election, London has never witnessed such scenes as took place throughout the city to-day. Tens of thousands of workmen, clerks and shop girls spent their half holiday in the parks and the streets watching and participating in the recruiting work. Among them were thousands of soldiers in khaki, both new recruits and veterans, with many convalescent wounded men and numerous Australians, Canadian. Highlanders and Indian troops. There were thick mud under foot and occasional heavy showers, but the parks as well as the streets remained drowded, and bands continued to march about playing patriotic airs. All the newsboys carried placards callon men to enlist.

It had hotels and restaurants, on the ms and buses and on the street converybody was engaged in discussional formers and the question of volfr service versus conscription was sed hotly.

Recruiting Staffs Increased.

ed by the work of the last three days, were confronted on arrival at their posts this morning with long lines of men, waiting for the opening of the doors. To handle the crowds the staffs at the recruiting stations were all in-

reased. In the rush medical examination has In the rush medical examination has become as perfunctory as the signing of the recruit's name, and it is expected that many of those who have come forward will be rejected when called for active service.

There is no information at present

There is no information at present regarding the number of new recruits, but the trades union leaders confidently declared to-night that the Derby campaign was a success. The last census gave the number of men in England, Scotland and Wales between the ages of eighteen and forty years as 8,100,000, nearly one-half of whom were single. The general understanding has been that about three million entered the army before Lord Derby's recruiting began, and it is believed that between 80 and 90 per cent of the remainder have presented themselves for attestation.

From this total must be deducted three classes—the physically unfit, those engaged in munitions work, and those engaged in other necessary callings, such as railroading, mining, shipping and farming, whose numbers cannot be approximately estimated except by the officials.

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backward twenty-four hours to clear up the muss after the campaign.

Lord Derby has handed to Premier Asquith the preliminary report dealing with results up to a week ago. The final summary will be ready to-morrow or Monday, and the Premier will probably announce the result in the House of Commons on Thursday.

### JOFFRE CHOOSES CASTELNAU GERMANS CLING "Savior of Nancy" Named Chief of TO SOUAIN GAINS French General Staff. Paris, Dec. 11.—General Joffre, who retains direct command of the armies

of the east and northeast, has desig-

astelnau as chief of the General Staff.

as the savior of Nancy, was born in

1851. He entered a special military

the war of 1870. Following this war

he resumed his military studies and

passed through the different stages of

the service. His real career began in

1896, when he became a colonel at-

tached to the General Staff. Three years later he took charge of the fa-

ious "Iron Division" at Nancy. When

portant armies destined for the opera-

Socialist Leader.

tain political utterances, had been or-

dered to place himself at the disposal

and that thereafter he must consider

tinuance of the military action.

sanction of the Reichstag.

tions in Lorraine.

ommand of all the French fronts. General de Castelnau, who is known

Repulse All French Atnated General Edouard de Curieres de tempts to Retake the General Joffre continues in general Trenches, Says Berlin.

school in 1869, and ten months later ARTILLERY ACTIVE saw his first active military duty in ALONG WHOLE FRONT

> German Mine Galleries Exploded in Argonne, Paris

London, Dec. 11 .- The French efforts the European war broke out he was to recapture the trenches east of Hill given command of one of the most im- 193, northeast of Souain, from which they were ousted several days ago, continue without avail, according to reports from Berlin to-night.

LIEBKNECHT AGAIN CURBED In spite of terrific artillery prepara tion and a spirited infantry assault, Germany Renews Proceedings Against Berlin says that the German hold on the positions was never shaken and Paris, Dec. 11.-The German miliall the attacks were beaten off tary authorities have begun fresh pro-

with heavy losses. ceedings against Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Artillery duels, despite heavy rains, still continue along most of the Bel-Socialist member of the Reichstag, acpersal of relieving troops for the spondent on the Swiss frontier. His trenches is claimed in both official communications. The French also re-News dispatches last March reported port the destruction of several German reads: mine galleries. that Dr. Liebknecht, because of cer-

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Berlin to-night gave out-the followof the German military authorities, ing report on the west front:

There has been lively artillery achimself under military law. Later it tivity by both sides at many places along the front. After intense artillery fire in prep-

was announced that the constitutional rights of members of the Reichstag could not thus be abridged, and that the government had ordered a disconaration, the French again attacked our position on and east of Hill

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and the position is just as firmly in our hands as before, in spite of the cleverly worded opinions in the

French daily reports. FRENCH OFFICIAL.

as issued by the War Office to-night: An artillery duel of some intensity courred in Belgium in the region of occurred in Belgium in the region of Het Sas, as well as in Artois, near Billy and Roclincourt. In the region of Roye our batteries dispersed a troop on the march and some enemy convoys on the road from Villers. In the Argonne, to the north of the Four-de-Paris, we exploded two mines, which destroyed a gallery

On the heights of the Meuse, in the sector of the Bois Bouchet, the well regulated fire of our artillery caused important destructive effects on the trenches of the first line and their support, as well as on the ene-my shelters.

In Alsace a violent cannonade has occurred at Linge and Barrenkopf. An earlier report says: The night was calm except in the

Further details of the fighting yesterday confirm the previous i formation concerning the effective work of our artiflery between the Oise and the Aisne, on the plateau of Quennevieres and in the region of Vendresse and Troyon. Our trench guns wrought serious damage to the fortifications.

The "Vossische Zeitung" comments on the dispatch as follows: and bomb throwing machines of the on the dispatch as follows: BELGIAN OFFICIAL.

193, northeast of Souain, during the BERLIN PRESS

The following official communication Denounces Him as Political Schemer and Parti-

GERMANS HEAR U. S.

gressmen Intend to Ask for

convening of Congress the British The Belgian official communication party would make every effort to bring about a new excitement against Ger-Last night and this afternoon the enemy attempted, by numerous storms of shells, to harars our guard troops while resting in the rear of the lines. The absence of losses and, similarly, material damage, is evidence of the inefficiency of this method of fire. By accurate return fire our batteries neutrlized the action of the adversary, bombarding his cantonments at Keyem and Saint Pierre Capelle and dispersing relieving troops to the north of Dixmude.

about a new excitement against Germany to distract the attention of Congress from the question of British pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and be pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the president wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest, and the pressure on America. This is also Pressure on America. This is also

# LASHES WILSON

san of Britain.

WANTS A RUPTURE

New York Dispatch Says Con-

Champagne, where, notwithstanding opinion in America is greatly stirred the steady rain, there was lively cannonading, as well as several engagements at close quarters with torman attacks on American neutrality and ammunition factories and by the

"It was to be expected that at the

# Papen has no political background. The paper comments sacreastically: "Perhaps Mr. Wilson simply wanted to do the two officers a favor by helping the tom return to their beloved home, and perhaps the moisture which he has shed over German-Americans came from the sea of his love for everything that is German."

The "Kreuz-Zeitung" says of the Lan-

The "Kreuz-Zeitung" says of the Landsing statement:

"If the demand for the recall of the attaches has no political background it is an unfriendly act, which fits perfectly into the frame of President Wilson's general policy toward Germany."

Count von Reventlow, in the "Tages-Zeitung," declares that the American wishes in various directions have been complied with by Germany to the fullest extent, and adds:

"One is astonished to learn from a New York dispatch that the Lusitania affair is not yet fully settled."

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Count von Reventlow declares that the press campaign against Germany is in line with Mr. Wilson's attitude.

The "Lokal Anzeiger," commenting on the Ancon note, remarks: "if true, then President Wilson grossly violates international law, whose guardian he pretends to be. Perhaps he will be so kind as to demonstrate before the Germany's straits.

"The idea that Germany could lack anything suggested astonishing revelations to him," it says. "We learn that bringing into safety passengers of a cur enemies have such fabulous quanship trying to escape pursuit by flight." The "Lokal Anzeiger," commenting

### SEE PEACE BID IN HOLLWEG TALK

## Paris Papers Say Chancel-

Gabriel Hanotaux, ex-Foreign Minister, in the "Figuro." "While the Chancellor Breaking of Relations.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Berlin morning papers publish a special wireless dispatch from New York to the semi-official Wolff bureau stating that public onlying in Awarles, is greatly stigred.

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"One might almost assume," he continues, while the Chancellor rattles the sabre and proclaims Germany's undiminished strength and determination to win, the Socialists are involved that he cannot win the German-American learned that he cannot win the German-Ame many's undiminished strength and determination to win, the Socialists are put up to feel the ground for peace proposals through their international consections in neutral countries."

The "Matin" asserts the Chancellor, presented to him.

notwithstanding his great ability, has

them are used for purposes other than food. "Naturally the situation in the Bal-

"Naturally the situation in the Balkans is exploited. The fraternity in arms with the Bulgarians and Turks is celebrated with deep emotion, but what Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg did not say is that Germany's allies are becoming so expensive to her that exchange with both America and Switzerland is falling against her daily in appalling proportions."

In the "Petit Journal" Stephen Pichon. ex-Foreign Minister, draws the conclusion from the Chancellor's speech that both sides are equally determined to continue the struggle.

### ROCKEFELLERS HELP SCOUTS John D. Gives \$9,000 and His & \$3,000 to the Campaign.

John D. Rockefeller contributed \$9,000 and John D. Rockefeller, jr., \$5,000 yesterday to the financial campaign in behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Up to last night \$82,503.65

Bryce Heads British Pilgrims.

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## RECRUITS BELIEVED

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, Dec. 11 .- Swinging into the homestretch, the Derby entries came with such a rush to-day that the finish was too confusing to announce the result until the judges had time to confer. At almost the end of the eleventh hour unending lines are strung out in front of every recruiting place and clerks are working desperately to enroll every vol- cording to the "Humanite's" corre- gian and French fronts, where the disunteer before the closing time, which has been extended until midnight of prosecution, however, requires the Sunday. If the rush still continues, re-

ally in recruiting lave had time to consider the question of peace overtures. So far as I can learn, the German Chancellor's statement dit little to encourage the peace advocates. One of them

than ever. The "Spectator" says: "If we want peace that is peace and

Politically, there are renewed signs of unrest, but the government is unques-

Except perhaps in the closing hours

Recruiting Staffs Increased. Physicians and clerks; nearly exhaust-

approximately estimated except by the officials.

A striking evidence of the conclusion of the voluntary service campaign is the removal of recruiting signs which began this afternoon. Workmen are busy tearing down posters which have been up so long they could almost be regarded as landmarks.

Although the time limit on Lord Derby's scheme has been extended to take care of the masses of applicants, the British public knows it stands face to face with conscription unless the ranks are filled up to that time. The men who join to-morrow wil be entitled to the same consideration as those enlisted up to the present time. As one official put it, it is like setting the clock backward twenty-four hours to clear up the muss after the campaign.

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